REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated November 14, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 14, 2007. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claim 105 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In response, Applicants have amended claim 105 accordingly. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the § 112 rejection of claim 105 be removed and allowance of the same.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 99 and 100 as being anticipated by British Patent 777,901. Applicants have cancelled claims 99 and 100, thereby obviating the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 24-26, 85-94, 98, 101-104, 106-119, and 121-122 are allowed. Applicants appreciate allowance of these claims.

The Examiner objected to claim 120 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have rewritten claim 120 as new claim 123. Therefore Applicants believe that new claim 123 is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same. Additionally, new claim 124 depends from claim 123 and is allowable for at least the same reasons as new claim 123.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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